

JENESYS^{2.0}

Application Guidelines for JENESYS^{2.0}

Social Community

Course: Tourism for Thailand (*for University Students*)
**(The Short-term Invitation Programme for ASEAN Member States,
Australia, New Zealand, India and Timor-Leste)**

1. Overview

JENESYS^{2.0} is a youth exchange programme launched by the government of Japan, aims to nurture friendship between Japan and invited countries as well as to revitalize the Japanese economy, through introduction of Japan's attractions to foreign tourists and consumers by promoting international understanding on the nation's potential strength, allure and values, including the "Cool Japan" concept. As a succeeding version of the JENESYS project which was implemented from 2007 to 2011, the project expects to invite over 30,000 youths from countries/regions of Asia, Pacific Islands and North America.

In 2014, 1,743 participants from the ASEAN Member States (AMS), Australia, New Zealand, India, and Timor-Leste will be invited to Japan under the thematic area of "Social Community".

2. Objectives

The objectives of JENESYS^{2.0} are as below;

- (1) To promote interest in Japan among youths in Asian and Oceanian countries, by showing Japan's strength and its attractions, so called "Cool Japan"
- (2) To raise awareness and understanding among youths in Asian and Oceanian countries about Japanese sense of values and "Japan Brand"
- (3) To lay a foundation for the future bond among the youths of Asian and Oceanian countries, along with mutual understanding and friendship
- (4) To revitalize Japanese local area by internationalization as well as nurture of youths as global human resources

3. Outlines of Programme

Programme Theme: Social Community

Social Community Programme focuses on introducing Japan's advanced methods for social community development and exchange with people involved in the related activities. It will provide an opportunity to learn about the project structures, methods to nurture human resources, collaboration between various entities and radical approaches in practice by visiting project sites and exchanging views with municipal governments, local residents and Non-Profit Organizations. In adherence with the purpose of the JENESYS^{2.0} programme, observation tours to get an insight into Japanese cultural and tourist resources will also be included.

Course Theme: Tourism

This course focuses on introducing the industry of tourism in Japan where the quality of hospitality has been highly evaluated over the world. Participants will have an opportunity to learn a method of hospitality in Japan by visiting several places in Tokyo and other prefecture, thus deepen understanding on Japanese way of hospitality. The course aims to give new ideas or strategies on tourism that enable participants to apply to touristic industry at home. During the program, participants will also learn/experience Japanese traditional and pop culture through cultural exchange programme at Japanese university and homestay.

Participants are expected to find their own concept of "Cool Japan" by deepening understanding about Japan's approach on disaster prevention, culture, people, etc., and expected to impart their learning when returning home.

Course Details

- (1) Duration: 15 October, 2014 ~ 23 October, 2014
- (2) Number of participants: 30 participants
 - ※ 14 students studying Japanese, 14 students studying tourism from collage/university and two (2) supervisors.
- (3) Language spoken during the programme: English
- (4) Programme visits: Tokyo and other prefecture (TBD)

4. Qualifications for Participations

Applicants should meet the entire criteria as follows.

- (1) Applicants must understand and agree to the aims of JENESYS^{2.0}.
- (2) Applicants must be bona fide citizens of Thailand.
- (3) Applicants must be aged between 18-30.
- (4) Applicants must be currently enrolled in college or graduate school and study Japanese language or tourism as a major.

- (5) Applicants who are willing to work in Japanese company or the industry of hotel and/or sightseeing in the future.
- (6) Applicants must possess the ability to understand the contents of whole program in English.
- (7) Applicants who have participated in any programme initiated by the Japanese Government including all kinds of JENESYS and KIZUNA programmes are not allowed to take part again.
- (8) Applicants must be in good health conditions. Those who have problems as written below must be aware of the following points.

(i). Chronic Diseases

Those who suffer from chronic diseases are not allowed to participate in the programme in principle.

Examples of Chronic diseases;

Chronic lung disease (asthma, chronic obstructive lung disease etc.), immunodeficiency state (T cell immunodeficiency etc.), chronic heart disease (congenital heart disease, coronary artery disease etc.), metabolic disease (diabetes), renal dysfunction, obesity, myasthenia gravis, etc.

(ii). Pregnant women

Those who are pregnant are not accepted to participate in this programme owing to maternal and child health.

(iii). Body Temperature

If a participant's body temperature is 38.0°C or higher on the day of departure, he/she cannot depart for Japan and is NOT ELIGIBLE to join in the Invitation Programme in Japan.

5. Necessary Procedure for Selection

All of the following application documents should be submitted to the Embassy of Japan in the Thailand or the relevant organization in your country.

(1) The Entry Form for JENESYS ^{2.0}

Fill out the form with necessary information and answers in BLOCK LETTERS, referring to the sample.

Sign with the form after confirming at the section of "Declaration," "Agreement of the Application Guidelines for JENESYS^{2.0}," and "Agreement of the Use of Personal Information."

(2) Passport-sized photo

Attach the passport-sized photo taken within the last 3 months on the allocated space in the Entry Form.

(3) Photocopy of the Applicant's passport

Submit a photocopy of the photo page of the applicant's passport.

*If an applicant do not have a valid passport, he/ she must immediately obtain his/ her passport and submit the photocopy of the photo page as soon as it is determined that he/ she is accepted to this programme.

6. Participants' Handbook

After a notification of selection results to the applicants, a tentative programme in Japan and Participants' Handbook for JENESYS^{2.0} developed by JOCA(*) will be provided to the participants by email.

The Participants' Handbook contains information about the outline of the Programme, travel information, travel tips on how to stay in Japan, and etc. The participants are highly requested to read the handbook carefully so that they can sufficiently prepare for the participation in the programme.

7. Arrival Orientation in Japan

After the participants' arrival in Japan, JOCA(*) will hold an orientation to explain below;

- (1) Outline of JENESYS^{2.0},
- (2) Schedule in Japan,
- (3) Introduction to Japan; its life and customs, and
- (4) Others

8. Post-Return Activities and Questionnaires (Obligation)

All participants are required to share their experiences/ knowledge acquired on the visit to Japan with friends, family, people in local community, etc. in order to disseminate the current/ accurate situation in Japan, and report their activities to the Embassy of Japan in their country.

Each participant must submit questionnaires on his/ her experience/ impression on the visit to Japan several times after returning to their countries.

9. Terms and Conditions

(1) The following arrangements and expenses are covered by the programme

- Round trip international air tickets from/ to respective participating countries to/ from Tokyo by Economy class
 - * Excess baggage charge will be paid at one's own expense.
 - * The departure/arrival airport will be arranged by implementation organization and it will not be changed for any personal reason.
 - * Participants are obligated to pay all the domestic travelling expenses in home country to/ from the international airport.
- Overseas travel accident insurance
 - * Please note that chronic diseases, dental diseases and pregnancy diagnosed by a Japanese medical doctor and cases disapproved by the insurance company will NOT be covered by insurance. Individuals will be liable for such costs.
- Accommodation in Japan
- Transportation in Japan
- Meals in Japan
 - * No cash allowance is provided to participants including supervisors.
 - * Participants are expected to cover personal expenses, such as passport fees, fees for vaccination, travel expenses between their home and departure port, fees for accommodation in their countries and fees for meals in their countries, and to bring some pocket money for the purchase of items for personal use.

(2) The following is not permitted.

- ✓ To remain in Japan after the programme
- ✓ To change the flight designated by the programme
- ✓ To change accommodation designated by the programme
- ✓ To be accompanied by someone
- ✓ To leave the programme in the middle
- ✓ To travel to the third countries on the way to Japan or back to participant's country

(3) Condition in Japan

- The programme schedule is set therefore participants will not have time to meet someone (your relatives and friends in Japan) during the programme.
- Participants will stay at twin or triple rooms at accommodation.
- JOCA(*) will try to prepare specific meals when necessary for religious reasons, however, they may not be always provided depending on situations.

(4) Respect for Japanese Law and Regulations

During the stay in Japan, participants must respect the laws and regulations of Japan, and offenders are subject to penalties under the Japanese law.

Any dispute arising out of the application and admission of, or relating to, this programme between the participants and the Japanese Government or JOCA(*) should be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of Japan, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws, and should be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the applicable courts in Japan.

(5) The attribution of responsibility during the programme

All Participants should agree indemnify, defend and hold JOCA(*) and its staff from against any and all claims, demands, liabilities for injury or illness incurred as a result of a participant's behaviour of not obeying all posted rules and warnings, or for loss or damages to any property due to accident, theft, crime or any other reason. The Japanese Government and JOCA(*) should in no manner be liable for such troubles.

10. Personal Information Protection Law

Personal information collected under the JENESYS^{2.0} shall be treated in compliance with Personal Information Protection Law when we utilize the collected personal information including photographs and videos taken by JOCA(*) staff during the programme for the project. For that matter, JOCA(*) ensures the appropriate handling of personal information.

JOCA(*) may provide personal information to travel agencies, publishers, cooperation organization, schools, host families, and etc. in order to operate and report the programme by means of Postage, fax or E-mail. Personal information will not be used for any other purposes than operating and reporting the programme.

The disclosure of personal information to JOCA(*) is at the sole discretion of the participants. If you don't agree this, it might cause some difficulties in the operation of the JENESYS^{2.0}.

We kindly request you to understand and give your consent to the provision of personal information.

11. Inquiries

Please send queries to JOCA at (bunka3@joca.or.jp) with subject heading "Query: JENESYS^{2.0} ASEAN."

*** Japan Overseas Cooperative Association (JOCA)**

JOCA is an official agent which has undertaken all the necessary arrangements for this short-term Invitation

Programme, such as travel procedures and the whole schedule of events in Japan under the guidance of the Japanese Government.